

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*"You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth."*

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, November 23, 5:00 p.m. Mass - Pro - Populo

Sunday, November 24, 9:30 a.m. + For the repose of the Soul of Cyril Benson by Karine Langley

11:00 a.m. Mass + For the repose of the Soul of Andy De Groot by Jean – Robert and Joanne Bernier

1:30 p.m. Nigerian Community Mass

Monday, November 25, No Mass

Tuesday, November 26, No Mass

Wednesday, November 27, 8:30 a.m. Mass

+ For the repose of the Soul of Katherine Dixon by Jean – Robert and Joanne Bernier

Thursday, November 28, 8:30 a.m. Mass

In Thanksgiving to God on the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Maria by Elizabeth

Friday, November 29, 8:30 a.m. Mass

For all the Deceased Family members and Souls in Purgatory by Elizabeth Guzzo

Saturday, November 30, 5:00 p.m. Mass – For the Deceased members of the LeBreton family by Jane LeBreton

Sunday, December 1, 9:30 a.m. Mass – First Sunday of Advent

+ For the repose of the Soul of John Langley by Karine Langley

11:00 a.m. Mass - Pro - Populo

### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE REFLECTION:

The final Sunday in our liturgical year is the feast of Christ the King. The theme of the kingship of Christ should not be misunderstood. Jesus is not king in an earthly sense. The acclamations of the crowds on Palm Sunday and the enthusiastic endorsement of the disciples that Jesus is the Messiah might mislead us. Jesus is king, Jesus is Messiah, because he is the anointed one of God, who comes to do the will of God. For the evangelist John, Christ's kingship is revealed above all on the cross. In the dialogue with Pilate in the Fourth Gospel Jesus points Pilate in the right direction: his kingdom is not an earthly one. He came 'to bear witness to the truth'. Those who seek the truth are members of his kingdom, which our liturgy today describes in the Preface as 'a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace'. Pilate's dismissive answer to Jesus will be 'Truth, what is that?' Reading the gospels throughout the liturgical year we are presented with a choice, whether, like Pilate, to pursue earthly values or, alternatively, to pursue the truth. In each of the four gospels Jesus bears witness above all to the truth that God is a God of love to be loved without reserve. We see that above all in his triumph on the cross. Our second reading today from the Book of the Apocalypse speaks of Jesus as one 'who loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood'. His death brings us forgiveness and is our liberation. He is king because he leads us to the fullness of life and to the truth. He has made us 'a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father'. The vocation of each one of us is to lead others to the truth we have come to know through Jesus and to make of our lives a gift of service to our loving God. In what sense is Jesus a king? Do we realise that at Baptism we became a member of the kingly and priestly people of Christ? Let us pray that we may always be faithful to the truth we have learnt from Christ. We pray that, with our brothers and sisters who have gone before us in faith, we may come to share in God's kingdom of truth and love.

**Collection – November 16, and 17, 2024:** Envelopes: \$2, 160.00., Loose: \$500.00; St. Vincent de Paul: \$152.00; Vigil Lights: \$152.10; Clergy Support: \$250.00; Mass Intentions: All Souls: \$240.00; Healing: \$100.00; Catholic Mission: \$260.00; Grand Totals: \$3,715.00.

**ADVENT 2024:** starts next weekend November 30 and December 1, IS ADVENT. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR ADVENT WREATHS:** There will be a special blessing of Advent wreaths at the beginning of all Masses. Be sure to place your wreaths in front of the Altar before Mass begins.

**The prayer of the poor rises up to God:** Our annual Society of Saint Vincent de Paul For the Poor collection will take place at all masses next weekend of Nov 30/Dec 1. Funds go to SSVP Ottawa South Conference( St Peter's/ Holy Cross/ St Bernard Parishes). Your generous donations provide those in need with grocery gift cards and SSVP store vouchers for clothing and housewares. For the Poor envelopes are available at the church entrance and in your envelope box, cheques payable to St Peter's Parish. The need is great, ever growing. We thank you for answering God's call to service with open and willing hearts.

**2024 – 2025 NEW SUNDAY MISSALS:** HAVE ARRIVED! And You are welcome to purchase a copy or more of the new Sunday missal at the parish office for \$8.00 each.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Ottawa Nigerian Community** will be having a Christmas Concert on Saturday evening December 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. here at St. Peter's. Admission is free. All are invited to attend.

**ST. PETER'S CHRISTMAS NOVENA - SIMBANG GABI:** All are invited to 9 days of Novena Masses for Christmas from December 15<sup>th</sup> - December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7: 00 p. It is a great source of spiritual nourishment to all of us, as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Jesus Christ. Invite your families and friends and come share in this wonderful time of Reflection. Please note that there will be No Weekday Morning Mass celebrated during our novena.

**Ottawa Catholic Young Professionals Night:** Join other young professionals at Notre Dame Cathedral for an evening dedicated to exploring the role of Artificial Intelligence through the lens of Catholic teaching. In a world increasingly influenced by AI, it's essential to understand its impact on society, work, and personal life. This event is perfect for business owners, job seekers, and anyone eager to discuss technology from a faith-based perspective. Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 7 pm. Café des Tours. Entry fee is \$5.

**SPIRITUAL BANQUET FOR JUBILEE YEAR:** Get ready for the Jubilee Year 2025 with this series of spiritual reflections on Luke's Gospel at Sheng Shen (Holy Spirit) Chinese Parish, 1187 Michael Street North. Speaker: Bible scholar, Bishop Yvan Mathieu Dates: Wednesday, December 18, 7-9pm (note date and time change) and Saturday, January 11, 10am-12pm To register: [parishoffice@ottawachinesecatholic.org](mailto:parishoffice@ottawachinesecatholic.org)

**Prayer for Stress and Strength:** Dear Lord, I come to You today for rest. My responsibilities in life are beginning to weigh me down, and I feel tired and overwhelmed. I pray for strength to keep doing what I'm supposed to do. I don't want to give up on my responsibilities, but I need the strength to keep going. When I'm tired, please give me rest. When I'm weak, please refresh my body and spirit. Thank You, Lord, for the strength I have in You. In Jesus' name Amen.